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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Huda Y. Zoghbi

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For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR THE  
THERAPEUTIC USE OF AN ATONAL-  
ASSOCIATED SEQUENCE FOR DEAFNESS,  
OSTEOARTHRITIS AND ABNORMAL CELL  
PROLIFERATION

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**AMENDMENTS AND RESPONSE**

**Box Non-Fee Amendment**  
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Dear Sir:

This submission is in response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2002 (Paper No. 16). Applicants submit herewith a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and corresponding references, as well as formal drawings as required by the draftsman.

Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**In the Specification**

Please replace the first full paragraph on Page 51 (Lines 7-14) with the following paragraph:

It will also be understood that this invention is not limited to the particular nucleic acid or amino acid sequences of SEQ ID NO:2 through SEQ ID NO:66, of which sequences are amino acids. Recombinant vectors and isolated nucleic acid segments can therefore variously include these coding regions themselves, coding regions bearing selected alterations or modifications in the basic coding region, and they can encode larger